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| Filed:      | August 20, 2003                        | Unit: 2129 |
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| For:        | APPARATUS, SYSTEM, AND METHOD FOR      |            |
|             | DEVELOPING FAILURE PREDICTION SOFTWARE |            |
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| Examiner:   | Peter D. Coughlan                      |            |

**INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Examiner:

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's attention to this case and recognition of allowable subject matter. In response to the Telephone Interview held on September 29, 2009, Applicants respectfully provide this Interview Summary describing the substance of the Telephone Interview.

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### **INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

[0001] Applicants express their appreciation to the Examiner for conducting a telephone interview with Applicants on September 29, 2009. Examiner Peter D. Coughlan, Examiner Supervisor David Vincent and Applicants' representatives Brian C. Kunzler (Reg. No. 38,527) and Scott Hilton were present.

[0002] Applicants provided a summary of the invention, focusing on the portion of the previous amendment that was objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Applicants discussed paragraphs [0089], [0094]-[0095], [0125], and [0127] of the originally filed application which support the previous amendment. The amendment recites adjusting a fuzzy variable definition "dynamically at runtime." The cited paragraphs detail the loading of machine-readable code onto a storage system, and state that the machine-readable code includes an interface for allowing a user to selectively adjust a fuzzy variable definition during execution of the machine-readable code.

[0003] The Examiners agreed that selectively adjusting a fuzzy variable definition during execution of machine-readable code supports the recitation of tuning a failure prediction algorithm dynamically during runtime. The Examiners stated that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 would be removed and that all claims would be found allowable, pending an updated search. Applicants agreed to wait for further correspondence on the case from the Examiners.

Respectfully submitted,

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